lishment of plastic processing or washing powder units by any State Government Undertaking is pending with the Government. These industries are mostly in the Small Scale Sector and are scattered all over the country.

An application for grant of industrial licence received from M/s Gujarat Insecticides Ltd., Ahmedabad, a joint sector company, for the manufacture of Chlorpyriphos Technical 200 TPA and 180 TPA of Sodium Salt of Trichloropyridinol (an intermediate) has been approved on 15-5-1985. Another application for grant of industrial licence for the manufacture of pesticides intermediate and technical grade pesticides received from M/s Haryana State Industrial Development Corporation is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Subject to availability of capacity, proposals received from State Government undertakings are considered on individual merits of each case.

National Drug Policy

153. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :

SHRI O.J. JOSEPH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1719 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1985 and state :

(a) whether Government have since formulated a new comprehensive National Drug Policy ;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the new policy ; and

(c) by when Government propose to announce it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government intend to announce the new policy as expeditiously as possible.

Pending applications for telephone connections in Gujarat

154. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of applications are pending for telephone connections in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat etc. in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the deta ils thereof ; and

(c) by when the pending applications are likely to be cleared and telephone connections given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total waiting list as on 30-9-85 is given below .

Ahmedabad—33504 ; Vadodara-13907; Rajkot-8212 ; Surat-22959.

(c) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during next 5 to 6 years subject to availability of resources.

स्वचालित टेलीफोन केन्द्र

155. **श्री रामचन्द्र बिकल** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 दिसम्बर, 1984 को कितने जिला मुख्यालयों में स्वचालित टेलीफोन केन्द्र थे ;